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LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-17 (Canceled)

18. (New) An information providing system for providing an information package containing purchased information from an information vendor to a user who has an information consuming device, wherein the information package includes a plurality of information parts, and wherein the information package is in a condition for use by the user after the user pays for the whole information package and installs the information package on the information consuming device, comprising:

identifying means for identifying actually unused parts or an unused part of the purchased information; and

refunding means for processing a refund payment for the actually unused parts or unused part to the user.

19. (New) The information providing system according to claim 18, further comprising setting means for setting the actually unused part or unused parts that is identified by the identifying means and for which a refund payment has been accepted by the user through the refund processing means as information that is prohibited from being used.

20. (New) The information providing system according to claim 19, wherein the information consuming device comprises a payment calculating means for calculating an amount

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of the refund payment that is paid from the information vendor to the user through the refund processing means.

21. (New) The information providing system according to claim 18, wherein the information consuming device is located in a vehicle, the information package is a road map, and the road map is divided into a plurality of zones, which correspond to the parts.

22. (New) The information providing system according to claim 21, wherein the refund payment is a function of the number of the zones of the road map that have not been used by the user.

23. (New) The information providing system according to claim 22, wherein the information consuming device communicates with the information vendor via wireless communication.

24. (New) A method of providing an information package containing purchased information from an information vendor to an user who has an information consuming device, wherein the information package includes a plurality of parts, and wherein the information package is set to be in a condition for use after the user pays for the whole information package and installs the information package on the information consuming device, comprising:

identifying actually unused parts or an unused part of the purchased information package;

and

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25. (New) The information providing method according to claim 23, further comprising setting the actually unused part or unused parts, which are identified in the identifying step and for which a refund payment has been accepted by the user through the refund processing step, as information that is prohibited from being used.

26. (New) The information providing method according to claim 24, further comprising calculating an amount of the refund payment which is paid from the information vendor to the user.

27. (New) The information providing method according to claim 23, further comprising providing the information consuming device in a vehicle, wherein the information package is a road map, and the road map is divided into a plurality of zones, which correspond to the parts.